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Spring chickens conquer monster



No, it's a myth that cycling is something you do to keep yourself out of mischief when you're a teenager. Across the world and in South Africa in particular, millions of people took to cycling, exercise and healthier living in recent years. This group of friends thought nothing of it to participate in the annual and gruelling Magalies Monster mountain bike race held at the popular Buffel-spoort ATKV resort on Saturday, though not the full Monty that is. Nonetheless, a splendid adventure shared by a group of friends. Pictured from left are Barry and Ricky Hurn and Rina and Johan van der Walt, only minutes before the start on Saturday morning. See more photographs and story in this week's edition of Rustenburg Herald.

• Promotional Article

Pick n Pay to pay for 17 000 customers' shopping baskets

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Pick n Pay, one of South Africa's leading retailers, has launched an exciting initiative to reward their Smart Shoppers by randomly selecting one winner from every store nationwide every day until June 18 to win their entire shopping for free.

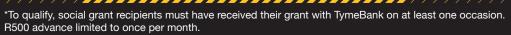
It aims to give away up to R10 million in free groceries over six weeks. The initiative aims to provide some relief to shoppers during a difficult period while also creating moments of true excitement. The initiative launched on May 8, has already surprised over 2 700 winners with a free shop collectively valued at R1,6 million. Two customers walked out with free shopping worth more than R10 000 each, much to their considerable delight. To qualify to win, customers need to swipe their registered Smart Shopper card and buy any two participating products. The winners will be notified at the till point, and their groceries will be packed into a limited edition golden reusable bag before they walk away with their entire basket or trolley of groceries, free of charge. The Smart Shopper programme is one of the country's biggest loyalty reward programmes, dedicated to giving customers real value. Pick n Pay hopes that the initiative will provide some relief to customers who are currently under huge pressure. Research shows that more shoppers are using loyalty programmes to save money when shopping. But additional benefits, beyond instant savings, are important. BrandMapp's research shows that the top benefit loyalty members enjoy is a cashback reward. According to Andrew Mills, Group Executive: Marketing at Pick n Pay, the retailer remains committed to delivering benefits to its customers for their current and future shopping trips. "In these challenging economic times, customers are looking for more ways to save money, and our Smart Shopper programme offers just that. Customers enjoy immediate savings by swiping their card at the till points and accumulating points that can be used as cash-back on their later shopping trips." Mills notes that more customers are turning to loyalty programmes now to unlock value and savings. 'We have seen a record number of customers redeeming their Smart Shopper points since we launched the programme12 years ago." In addition to 17 000 customers winning their groceries for free, shoppers can also stand to win R10 000 in Smart Shopper points by posing in-store with any two participating products or their Golden Bag and posting the picture on social media using #PnPGolden- Bag. If you are a Pick n Pay Smart Shopper, this initiative is worth participating in, as it not only provides some relief during a difficult period but also creates exciting moments in-store. Netwerk van kundiges vir hulporganisasies Beloved teacher retires after 55 years Derick Healey. "I became a teacher because of encouragement by our headmaster, Tommy Stevens. He inspired me. What I enjoy is when ex pupils ask me, "Sir, do you still read to your pupils?" It meant a lot to me if I encouraged a child to read."



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BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Are you on the brink of finishing school, but have no idea what you would like to do for a living?

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Schools, educational institutions, higher learning facilities and companies looking to recruit bright, young minds are invited to book space for the event.

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SCHOOL & CAREER





BONUS - RUSTENBURG - All in all, May was not that bad a rainfall month given the fact that the fifth month is not a traditional rainfall month. Having said that however, May 2023 will be an important inscription in the record books for its second most rainfall (in May) since 2003.

A total of 60.8 mm were recorded for the fifth month by Charlie Graham of Geelhout Gardens nursery in Kremetart Avenue. Though 60 mm will never ring the bell in terms of "high" rainfall, it was still good enough to settle for 2nd position in at least two decades as explained earlier. The year 2010 was however quite a different story when 107 mm were recorded at Geelhout Gardens, according to the statistics kept by Graham. While not too much has come from expectations and hopes earlier that May 2023 could be another record year, surely Rustenburg and probably most parts around the country cannot complain, though we are

still 36.4 mm short of the 107 mm recorded in May 2010. With the arrival of June winter is now officially with us and it would be at least three, four months before significant rain could be expected in Rustenburg around October this year. Remember however, that during the last couple of years surprising weather patterns actually didn't surprise us as it hasn't been to unusual for rain to fall until deep in winter. Rustenburg Herald and Bonus We thank Mr Charlie Graham for his meticulous rainfall statistics which have allowed us to keep a finger on what's going in our area in terms of rainfall and minimum/ maximum temperatures.

Invitation to special council meeting

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The public is invited to a special council meeting of the Rustenburg Local Municipality Friday (9 June) The meeting will start at 10:00 and will be held at the Rustenburg Civic Centre. Please note: The meeting will also be streamed live on RLM's Facebook page for public viewing.

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DARD establishes provincial task team to deal with energy crisis

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - As the rest of the country is currently facing electricity shortage predicament that is significantly impacting economy, citizens and compromising the production of food, the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in the North West Province has established a provincial energy task team to deal with energy crisis that is affecting farmers in the province and to seek possible solutions to the energy crisis that is affecting the sector in the Province.

Thursday, 25 May 2023 when she was tabling the 2023/24 budget vote for the

Department. "Load shedding happens to be a thorn amongst our farmers, however I am glad to announce to the house at large that through the minister's

engagement and advice, the Department has established the Provincial Energy Task Team (PETA) that will engage with Eskom to possibly exempt the sector looking at agro processing as matters of food security are at high risk," MEC Mohono remarked. "We cannot expect the outcomes and solutions to this within a short space of time. It is a process that might take time but I am positive that there will be a solution at the end that will help our farmers to continue to produce," MEC Mohono expressed.

Brian Disipi, a farmer from a small farming town of Ganyesa in the Dr Ruth

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this pronouncement

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by MEC Mohono.

"We obviously welcome the

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MEC to establish the

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This was announced by MEC Desbo Mohono on is a serious matter that is affecting many farmers," said Disipi. Disipi says he currently uses solar that is very expensive to produce energy in order to run his business. The energy task team is composed of government officials, researchers, academics and the industry participants in the agricultural sector.

Teenager stabbed to death

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Police arrested a 19-year-old man in connection with the fatal stabbing of an 18-yearold learner from a high school in the city.

According to a parent that went to fetch her children at the school in Bethlehem Street on Friday, a group of boys from another school was at the gate.

"Because the kids are writing exams, the school closes early. When I arrived at the school, I saw youngsters outside. I counted seven boys, all dressed in tracksuits of another school. All of them seemed to be armed with knives or other weapons," Jane Mpolokeng recounts.

Jane got out of her vehicle, made her way to the gate of school and tried to get the gang to leave. She attempted to close the gate, but the youths forced it open again. She was

"I was hit against my shoulder and chest with an object. It looked like a hammer," she says. She ran to the office where she found teachers. "I told them we should go out and stop these thugs, but they said it is too dangerous. The police were called - but no vehicle arrived," she says.

In the mean time, the gang entered the school premises, found learners taking shelter among buildings and forcefully took them from the school yard. Jane followed them and saw them moving towards Noord Park. "I called the police again. But again, no help came." She says she then called Tlhabane police and asked them to assist her to get Rustenburg police to come to the rescue of the children.

"I watched in horror how children were assaulted. I cannot put into words how terribly helpless I felt," the mother, visibly emotional recounts. She called the police again. This time a vehicle arrived, but according to Jane, left shortly after

"At this stage, one of the boys tried to flee. He ran towards the taxi rank, the gang in pursuit. At the rank, they caught up with him. There, in front of people, he was callously killed,' she says. The Rustenburg police was called once again, and this time they responded quickly - but it was too late.

"This boy's death could have been prevented. This cannot be allowed," Jane says.

Northwest Police were contacted for comment. Capt Adèle Myburg acknowledged the enquiry and gave the assurance that the allegations against Rustenburg police will be



Traffic Department services "compromised" by water shortage

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - RUSTENBURG - In recent weeks Rustenburg Herald/Bonus has been inundated with calls from members of the public complaining about the unannounced closure of the Rustenburg Municipality's (Directorate Public Safety) Traffic Department - apparently due to a lack of water at the facility.

Motorists especially have complained that the Traffic Department has been closed for at least the past two weeks.

Rustenburg Herald's enquiries were directed to Mr Andrew Seome of the Rustenburg Municipality's Communication Department. The response we had received, is as follows:

"Due to water supply interruptions and at times no water at all, critical Public Safety services (amongst others, renewal of licenses, payment of traffic fines, licence tests, and Municipal Court services) at Public Safety Offices are often compromised due to high risk of unhygienic environment. Despite the above challenge, the municipality does everything under the circumstances to assist as many clients as possible. Unfortunately, at times, the situation dictates that normal services be interrupted and the community becomes negatively impacted", Seome said.

Letter to **Mr Edward Kieswetter**

Dear Mr Edward Kieswetter,

We write this letter to you as concerned taxpaying business people from the North West Province. We also speak on behalf of our taxpaying communities that are also suffering because of the problem we would like to discuss with you.

Yes, congratulations on rebuilding SARS and doing well with the collection rate. Yes, we applaud you for that, but at the same time, SARS is failing us.

Sir, we have taken up the matter of illegal traders, small, medium and micro enterprises with SARS on numerous occasions. We have sent emails, commented on Linkedin, and tried other platforms, but it seems nobody is listening and interested in doing something.

We are sure that our country loses millions daily in money leaving the country illegally, traders not registered for VAT or any other form of taxes, let alone complying with the labour – and health laws of the country. The latter is not your concern

Why do you not have active inspectors going around and checking for tax compliance? Why is there no control over monies leaving the country via transfers?

We know nobody can open a bank account without a valid ID, but sending money via ATMs and Western Union, for example, is fine. Is that the way you would like law-abiding business people and citizens to do things?

We know that there are tax dodgers amongst our people, but most of us cannot move a dime without SARS wanting their part of it. Sir, we must do something about this. We have offered our help, but again no interest from SARS. We have asked to meet with senior officials from SARS, but also to no

avail. We can only come to the conclusion that SARS is not interested to do something about this.

Must we all now take this route and do business "illegally" and send our money to an account overseas without it going via a bank so that SARS can pounce? No Sir, let us do something about this and do it fast.

Regards - NWCoCI Management For any enquiries please call André Coertzen on 082 492 6321

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NW launches Provincial Beekeeping Association

BONUS – RUSTENBURG : 19 May was celebrated as World Bee Day.

This year the provincial celebrations took part during an event held at Luka Village near Rustenburg, During this celebrations. MEC for Agricultire and Rural Development in the North West, Desbo Mohono officially launched the North West Province Beekeepers Association (NWPBA). The aim is to accelerate the growth and development of beekeepers in the province.

The launch was held under theme 'BEE ENGAGED: Celebrating the diversity of bees and beekeeping systems', aimed at heightening awareness about the influence of the bee economy and to enhance the participation of rural women and young people in the apiculture sector.

South African Beekeepers Industry Organisation and the Honey Judges and Guild



faced within in the apiculture sector.

The team led by Chairperson, Kenalemang Mooketsi and Secretary, Nkwe Metswamere have assumed their duties and are dedicated to elevating the provision of resources, training of their members and offer support. "We aim to encourage the improvement and advancement of Apiculture within North West by promoting the exchange of ideas between members, the public and other institutions as well as endorse and safeguard the interests of apiarists in general by ensuring that honey, hives and other derivatives comply with standards established by government," said Mooketsi, MEC Mohono said government was ready to assist aspirant beekeepers' as there is an abundance of opportunities within the sector. "Training of beekeepers will be prioritised and intensified. We will also continue to robustly market and position

beekeeping in the province as a poverty reducing tool. Just as we are committed to improving the fortunes of beekeepers and to advancing shared prosperity for all, so too is our commitment to achieving a large pool of real Beekeeper's in the entire province," Mohono said. Proceedings of the day were also marked by a visit to Thethe Secondary School, where an awareness drive

was executed. Learners educated on the importance of bees, their role in the agricultural ecosystem monetary value. Grade twelve learner Selemela Ditiro expressed excitement about the information they received.

"We appreciate that the department saw it fit to open our imagination to the world of bees and how we can start sustainable businesses from them. As learners, our role

is to now share what we were taught today and share it with our communities as well as those close to us. We've always known bees to be dangerous but as of now, we will take care of them and continue to research about apiculture. Some of us here today have definitely benefited from this session, and maybe as we start our journeys next year as young adults, we will enter the industry as

beekeepers," Ditiro Selemela, a gr 12 learner at the school, expressed.

The number of beekeepers in North West continues to rise as more people especially youth, are showing an interest in the sector. The department's database has grown from five in 2019 to 80 beekeepers and MEC has called on all apiarists across all four districts of the Province to register on its database.



(L - R) Deputy Principal of Thethe Secondary School, Nono Mohohleng and Ditiro Selemela after the Apiculture awareness address.

A festival of feathered friends

AGRI-PULSE – RUSTENBURG – On Saturday 3 June the Rustenburg Poultry Club held their yearly show at the Rusties venue. As always, there were a wide variety of chicken breeds and colours displayed and they competed for the Best chicken at the show award, according to Saspo breeds standards. A variety of geese, ducks and turkeys also participated.



Best Chicken on the Show, Brahma Dark Hen, owner Jonelri Botha, also the Best Soft feather Heavyweight



Best Soft feather Leghorn chicken on show.



Lightweight, Brown rooster, owner Dieter Labuschagne.



Best Soft feather Bantam. Polish bearded Charmois, owner Niel Snyman.



Best Pure Bantam, Dutch krile, pyle Eric Jacobs.



Hardfeather large breed, Old English Gamer, Black breastfed Red hen, owner Hein



Best Hard feather Bantam. Old English Gamer, black breasted Light Red hen, owner Jannie Botha.



Best Asian Hard feather Gamefowl, O-Shamo Wheaten hen. owner Ewald Schulenburg.



Best Turkey on show, British White male. owner Ewald Schulenburg.



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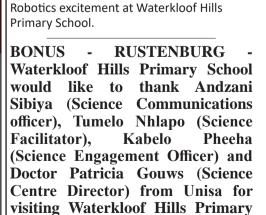
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Doctor Patricia Gouws (Science Centre

Director) and Delia Rossi (Principal of

Waterkloof Hills Primary School).

member of Waterkloof Hills Primary School).

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BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Charles Soza and Roné Revnecke showed their competitors a clean pair of heels at the iconic Fedhealth Platinum Trail Run that took place at the ATKV Buffelspoort on Sunday 4 June.

Soza claimed victory in the Long Route (±24km) in a deserving time of 01 hour 27 minutes 48 seconds, while Reynecke took no prisoners with her impressive time of 01 hour 43 minutes 54 seconds.

"The race was tough," admitted Soza. "I studied the course yesterday (Saturday). I'm not good at climbing, so I made sure that I opened a gap on the downhills. When we climbed the hill, the other runners caught me, and we climbed the hill together. On the downhill I needed to open the gap again. When a cyclist told me that it was the end of the hill, I decided to go all out. The course is very tough". Retsepile Khotle came in second, while Collin Kanyimo finished third. "I must say the toughest part is from the 9km mark where you climb the mountain there at the back," says Reynecke. "I almost considered walking, but I managed to push through. The downhill was also tough because the terrain is rough, but I really enjoyed the race with its scenic route. The Fedhealth Platinum Trail Run is a preparation run for me as I am competing in another big trail run in the Eastern Cape. I enjoyed the scenery the most. Technically I'm a road runner, so it's always beautiful to run the trails. It's a privilege to be crowned the champion and it's a privilege to be able to compete and to be healthy. Natalie Sterk

came in second, while Franci Myburgh finished third.

Kennedy Sekhuthe finished first in the men's race (short route) in a time of 55 minutes 19 seconds, followed by Riaan Ludick in second place and Boiketlo Makhundu in third place. Tanja Viljoen finished first in the women's race (short route) in a time of 01 hour 11 minutes 51 seconds, followed by Luandri Le Roux in second place and Franza Landman in third place.

Featuring a mild 143m ascent, the Fedhealth Platinum Trail Run Fun Run (±8km) was the perfect event for younger runners. The route was designed to ensure that entrants (young and old) enjoyed a wonderful trail run in Buffelspoort. It was also perfect for the family to run and/or walk together.

AJ Reyneke finished first in the men's race in a time of 40 minutes 19 seconds, followed by Modiwa Nyatsine in second place and Lean Scholtz in third place. Lana Harmse finished first in the women's race a time of 01 hour 03 seconds, followed by Comine Bruwer in second place and Megan Vogel in third place.

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Rustenburg Cycling Club

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The Rustenburg Cycling Club members supported local — Buffelspoort Magalies Monster that took place on 3 June. Congratulations to Riaan Rall and Jon Andrews who participated in the 65km under 4hrs and qualifying for the Rustenburg Cycling Club MTB Blue Jersey.









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